



State of California – The Resources Agency
DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

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FROM: Department of Parks and Recreation
Inland Empire District
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PROJECT TITLE: Hidden Lake Trail, Mt. San Jacinto SP (11/12-IE-6)

LOCATION: Mt. San Jacinto State Park

COUNTY: Riverside

DESCRIPTION OF THE NATURE AND PURPOSE OF PROJECT:

This project is the re-alignment and reroute of an unapproved, user created trail within Hidden Divide Natural Preserve in Mount San Jacinto State Park. The project includes the removal of the existing unapproved, user-created trail and the construction of new sustainably designed trail to reduce impacts to the sensitive resources of the area. The trail segment will provide permitted visitors a route to the Palm Springs Overlook by way of Hidden Lake. The new trail will be constructed at the base of the slope above the existing user created trail and be designed into the natural rock outcrops that rim Hidden Lake; this route is far more stable and less resource impacting than the existing one which traverses sandy decomposed granite substrate. Two interpretive signs have been designed and purchased for this purpose and will be placed at Hidden Lake overlook sites designed into the trail plan in order to further protect sensitive resources in the area.

DPR-approved standard project requirements have been incorporated into this project. A copy of these requirements may be obtained by submitting a request to the project Environmental Coordinator listed below.

PUBLIC AGENCY APPROVING THE PROJECT: California Department of Parks and Recreation

NAME OF DIVISION OR DISTRICT CARRYING OUT THE PROJECT: Inland Empire

EXEMPT STATUS:

- ☐ Declared Emergency (Section 15269(a))
☐ Emergency Project (Section 15269(b) and (c))
☐ Statutory Exemption (Section)
☒ Categorical Exemption

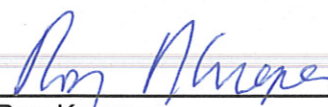
Class: 5 Section(s): 15304

REASONS WHY PROJECT IS EXEMPT:

No potential for significant impacts to the environment is anticipated in compliance with Section 15300.2.

Class 4: Minor alterations to land. Trail construction project does not involve removal of healthy, mature, scenic trees.

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